September 23, 2008

Chief John M. Harrington St. Paul Police Department 367 Grove St. St. Paul, MN 55101 TO PERSONNEL FILE



Dear Chief Harrington,

On September 1st about 80 Iraq and Afghanistan War veterans marched from the State Capital to Xcel Energy Center with the goal of presenting a list of veterans' issues to the staff of Senator John McCain.

Our group was escorted on that march by Sgt. John Lozoya, Sgt. Pamela Barragan, and numerous officers on bicycles; we were met at the Xcel Center by Commander Paul Iovino.

I don't know what experiences other groups had with the St. Paul Police Department, but I know what our experience was because I led our march. Your officers - and the above three in particular - were very supportive and extremely respectful of what we veterans were trying to accomplish.

As a national leader of Iraq Veterans Against the War, I appreciate those officers helping us exercise our right to freedom of speech. As a resident of St. Paul, I appreciate these officers doing their job in a manner that brings credit to the St. Paul Police Department and to our city.

With my appreciation.

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